

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS**

October 2012 Minutes

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center. In attendance were: Commissioners Cohen (05), Blumenthal (02), Thielen (01), and Fulwood (03).

SECOND DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer David Baker from the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District provided the police report for September 2012. Thefts from automobiles were down for the preceding year from 89 to 50 for the current year. Burglaries and thefts from residences were also down but Officer Baker warned Glover Park residents to be careful at this time of the year when they may leave their windows open. Officer Baker noted that there was a stolen vehicle and personal belongings stolen from 3901 Tunlaw Road, after the victim rented an apartment to the suspect via an internet site. There was also a break-in into a laundry machine at 4000 Massachusetts Avenue. Officer Baker also noted that he was awarded the Officer of the Year award for the MPD 204 district.

FRIENDS OF GLOVER PARK GRANT REQUEST

Joe Fiorillo of the *Friends of Glover Park* sought a grant of \$2,369.71 for sporting equipment and supplies for a Halloween party at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center. The grant request was approved by a vote of 4-0.

WISCONSIN AVENUE STREETScape

Paul Hoffman, the DDOT program manager noted that the Wisconsin Avenue streetscape was 75% complete, but said that due to delays caused by Washington Gas work, the final paving and striping work on Wisconsin Ave. would start after November 1, and, if weather conditions are not appropriate at that time, may have to wait for completion until the spring of 2013. Mr. Hoffman noted that DDOT was currently widening the sidewalks on Wisconsin Avenue across from Holy Rood cemetery at 35th Street.

A change order was submitted to reduce the brightness of the streetlights north of Calvert that were installed as part of the streetscape improvements. Mr. Hoffman said that he asked DDOT's lighting engineer to bring neighbors' issues and concerns about lighting directly to him.

Mr. Hoffman noted that the plans for the 37th Street improvements are complete. According to Mr. Hoffman, the revised plans add back up to three new on-street parking spaces (two spaces on

37th Street and one space on Tunlaw Road). The final plan would result in a loss of two parking spaces at 37th and Tunlaw, but a net loss of zero parking spaces in the immediate area because of expected parking spaces that will be added at the Tunlaw Road dead-end as part of the project. Mr. Hoffman said that he did a site-visit with some neighbors to discuss parking issues related to the new low-impact developments. Commissioner Blumenthal noted that ANC 3B and the neighbors on 37th Street and Tunlaw Road will probably need to work with Damon Harvey of DDOT to petition for Residential Parking Permit parking spaces for the three new spaces created as part of the new intersection.

Paul Holder from *Town Hall* said that the new sidewalks look great but would like the spray paint from Washington Gas's construction to be removed. Mary Young, a resident of Cathedral Heights, noted that there will be an upcoming DC Council hearing with Washington Gas and this would present a good opportunity to address this issue.

Another resident inquired about the feasibility of getting "zebra-stripes" for the 37th Street and W Place crosswalk. Mr. Hoffman said that DDOT only zebra stripes intersections on major streets. Commissioner Blumenthal noted that the new intersection and stop signs seem to be functioning well.

Commissioner Cohen reported that local mural artist and activist Jarrett Ferrier has been awarded a grant to upgrade the steps connecting 37th street to W Place. His project will include a mural featuring the life of Charles Glover at the bottom of the steps and a decorative gateway arch at the top.

JP'S LIQUOR LICENSE

Commissioner Blumenthal corrected the record from last month to explain that Mr. Kadlick was right when he said the once the ownership transfer was approved, all that was needed was a certificate of occupancy before the license could be removed from safekeeping. She then reported that on October 3, the ABC Board both denied ANC 3B's request for a public fact-finding hearing on ownership issues related to the JP's nude dancing license and approved the ownership transfer that puts a new group of people in charge of that license. Paul Kadlick, the attorney for the proprietors said that Wisconsin Ventures LLC is the owner of the license and there are two shareholders who own 90% of the business. The Vice Group owns the remaining 10%.

The ownership approval means that once the interior build-out of JP's is completed, the license will be reactivated and JP's will be back in business. At that time, the license will need to be renewed and public comment will be sought.

Mary Young, a local resident, inquired about what Wisconsin Ventures LLC is going to do about disorderly patrons leaving the establishment. Paul Kadlick said that the owners have a one million dollar investment in the business, so they want to avoid any potential problems.

RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGES IN LIQUOR LICENSE OWNERSHIP

Commissioner Blumenthal introduced a resolution requesting that ABRA treat a change in ownership of an establishment as a substantial change in operation. Commissioner Fulwood noted that the ANC should try to separate issues the ANC and neighbors have with Wisconsin Ventures LLC and the JP's license from broader disagreements with the ABRA process and notification requirements.

Another Glover Park resident said that what makes the JP's license adversarial is that neighbors don't understand what is going on and who the owners of the business are. The resident said that if the license owners can provide this information to the Glover Park/Cathedral Heights community, it could help ensure a better relationship.

Commissioner Cohen asked if Wisconsin Ventures and the Vice Group intends to honor the current agreements in the JP's license in perpetuity. Kadlick would not provide a clear answer as to whether the current owners would honor the voluntary agreement for the duration of their ownership of JP's.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ABC OMNIBUS LEGISLATION BILL 19-824

Commissioner Blumenthal introduced a resolution seeking changes in the proposed new alcoholic beverage regulations, specifically with regard to not limiting who can participate in a protest and not barring a citizens' group protest if the ANC has settled a protest with a licensee. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0.

PEPCO RESPONSE TO FREQUENT POWER OUTAGES IN GLOVER PARK

Gary Kellior, Donna Cooper, Chris Taylor, and Clay Anderson from Pepco attended the October meeting to respond to complaints and issues neighbors had resulting from the June 2012 extended power outage following the Derecho storm and additional repeated power outages. Chris Taylor noted that Pepco is undertaking a five-year reliability enhancement program that began in 2010. Pepco is spending nine hundred million dollars to improve reliability. According to Pepco, part of this includes targeting the worst-performing feeders. Pepco is also working on tree-trimming since many outages during severe weather are caused by downed trees and limbs. Other measures that are part of the reliability enhancement program include distribution automation and planning for system load-growth, including investing in new feeders and substations.

Chris Taylor noted that the report from Mayor Vince Gray's Pepco task force is due by the end of January 2012.

Clay Anderson from Pepco addressed specific Pepco infrastructure in Glover Park. Mr. Anderson noted there are three separate feeders in Glover Park that are fed from different

directions but come from the same substation. There are approximately 700 feeders along Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Fulwood inquired about the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Calvert Street and asked if there is an opportunity to improve the feeders at this intersection because when power goes out, it creates extremely dangerous traffic conditions and often requires police assistance.

Commissioner Fulwood said that he was hearing an engineering explanation and details but he was not hearing a broader reason why Glover Park has so many power outages. According to Commissioner Fulwood, a large part of the issue is lack of effective communication with neighbors by Pepco but he noted this is not the entire problem. According to Commissioner Fulwood, there is also an infrastructure component of the frequent power outages.

Commissioner Fulwood inquired about the feasibility of undergrounding utility wires. Clay Anderson from Pepco noted that two of the feeders in Glover Park were among the worst performers in Washington, DC, and these two feeders are part of the feeder improvement program. According to Mr. Anderson, about sixty percent of Washington's power distribution is currently underground.

Commissioner Thielen asked about the utility pole in the middle of the sidewalk on Tunlaw Road, north of Davis Place. Additionally, Commissioner Thielen asked about what Pepco can do to underground its infrastructure while there are other infrastructure improvements already occurring, such as the 37th Street and Wisconsin Avenue streetscape improvements.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN WARD 3

Commissioner Thielen introduced a resolution supporting improved bicycle infrastructure throughout Ward 3, including a new Capital Bikeshare station for 37th Street and Whitehaven Parkway and the dedicated bike lanes on New Mexico Avenue and Tunlaw Road as called for in the Glover Park Transportation Study. The resolution was approved by a vote of 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Revisions to ANC 3B Bylaws. Commissioner Cohen presented revisions to the ANC bylaws, which had last been reviewed and updated in 2004. The proposed bylaws were posted publicly prior to the meeting, and reviewed by the DC Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. Each Commissioner had the opportunity to review and comment on the revisions. The revised bylaws were approved 3-0. Commissioner Blumenthal was not present for the Administrative portion of the meeting and did not vote.

July 2012, September 2012 minutes: The minutes for the July and September 2012 meetings were approved by a vote of 3-0.

September 2012 Financial Statement: The opening balance for September 2021 was \$4,342.55. There were no withdrawals and there was one deposit for \$2888.09 (Quarterly Allotment). The closing balance was \$7,230.64. Checks to be written during October include a petty cash reimbursement to Commissioner Fulwood (\$181.29); reimbursement to Commissioner Cohen for

one year of phone service (\$130.00) and for assorted photocopying costs (\$101.68); and a Friends of Glover Park grant request, if approved (\$2,369.71).

Fiscal Year 2012 4th Quarter Financial Statement: For the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1 – September 30), there was a beginning balance of \$ 6890.47. On July 12, 2012, a grant for \$590.00 was awarded to Healthy Living Inc. (check #1198) and a grant for \$1957.92 was awarded to the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (check #1199). ANC 3B received its quarterly allotment of \$2888.09. The closing balance was \$7230.64

The monthly and quarterly financial reports were approved 3-0.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously at 9:15 PM.